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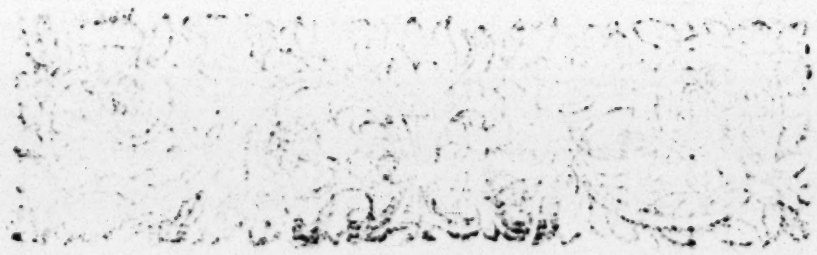

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THE FIRST SPEECH UPON THE FIRST DAY, CONCERNING THE PALATINATE.

BY

Sr. BENIAMIN RUDYARD.

Master Speaker,

THis great Affaire of the *Palatinate*, concerns this Kingdome in Nature, in Honour, in Reaſon of State, in Religion.

We all know, how neare in Bloud the Prince Elector is to his Majeſty.

Many of us here know, what ſolemn Proteſtation hath been made in this place, for the recovery of the *Palatinate*, by which we are bound in Honour to purſue it with our beſt aſſiſtance.

God hath ſo framed the Powers of man, and ſo ordered the courſe of things in this world, as that in all actions, right Reaſon, and true Religion may well hold, and goe a great way together.

If we conſider Religion according to reaſon of State, wee ſhall find, that Chriſtendome divides it ſelfe into two ſides, with the Pope, againſt the Pope. His Majeſty is the greateſt King of *the Religion*; and therefore fitteſt to be the Head of that Party, which will adde a greater Greatneſſe to Him then can be gotten any other way.

The meanes to it are, firſt, to preſerve *Religion* ſound and entire, within His own Kingdomes at home: next, to unite the Homogeniall parts of it, pieces of the ſame, together, by Alliances, by Confederations abroad.

The good Effect of this *Germane* Match was loſt by the ill Councels of thoſe times; It will be an Honour to us to repaire it by better.

The reſtoring of the Prince Elector to his Territory and Dignity, will reſtore Religion there; will ſtrengthen it; may increaſe it further in *Germany*; which conſideration is of a great and vaſt Conſequence, proportionable to the greatneſſe and vaſtneſſe of that Countrey. It will likewiſe refreſh and comfort the needfull heart of that moſt Noble, Vertuous, and Magnanimouſly ſuffering Queen of *Bohemia*, his Majeſties ſiſter, his Highneſſe mother, who is ever to be highly and tenderly regarded by this Houſe, by this Kingdome.

This is a fit conjuncture of time to begin it in, whilſt the King of *Spaine* hath ſo much to do of his

his own, as he is not able to afford his usuall aid's to the Emperour, which probably may induce the Emperour to abate of former resolutions.

That which is now propounded, is onely a Manifest, to expresse and declare our zeale and heartinesse to the Cause, thereby to give it Countenance and Reputation in the present *Dyet* at *Ratisbone*. Reputation, in matters of State, doth many times prevaile, as much as Substance.

His Majesties Father (of blessed memory) and Himselfe, have for many yeares mediated and treated with the successive Emperours, by all faire and amiable wayes. They have been deluded, they have been neglected. It behoves us, Master Speaker, to be *Englishly* sensible of the Injustice, of the Indignitie.

Wherefore my humble Motion is, That the House will be pleased, presently to name a select Committee, to compose a Declaration suitable to the Importance of the Cause.

THE FIRST SPEECH UPON THE SECOND DAY, CONCERNING THE PALATINATE.

BY

Sr. Beniamin Rudyard.

At a Committee of the whole House.

Master Whitlock,

IF we may do the Prince Elector good, by our good word, I hope we shall not stick to afford it Him. A Word spoken in due season, is worth more than Gold and Silver at another time.

His Majestyes Embassadour is now at the *Dyet* at *Ratisbon*, where the Emperour and other Princes are by friendly Treaties endeavouring to make

up

up the breaches of *Germany*. If this opportunity be omitted, His Highneſſe affaires will be exceedingly caſt behind hand.

It is true, That our Treatyes heretofore have not been proſperous; the reaſon hath been, becauſe of the unhappy diſtance between the King and his people, which brought a diſvalue upon this Kingdome abroad. But now, when the world ſhall take notice of the good underſtanding between his Majeſty and his Subjects, by an earneſt and ſolemn Ioyning of the whole Parliament with his Majeſtyes Declaration, the Propoſitions comming from hence, will carry with them more weight, more Authority; which is the way to redeem our Engagement at an eaſy rate, to ſave thoſe great Charges which ſome doe ſo much feare.

If we ſhould be backward in this great worke; we ſhall cancell the Obligations of Nature, of Honour, of Reaſon, of State, of Religion, which binde us to it.

Wherefore, Maſter *Whitlock*, my humble Motion is, That we may draw up a ſhort round Manifeſt, to wait upon and affirme the Kings Declaration, to be ſtill managed by advice of Parliament, which will be ſafe for our ſelves, more powerfull and effectuall for the Prince Elector.

FINIS.